

St. Pius X

School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Nov 16, 2021 at 7:00pm

Location: Google Meet

Attended: Carrie Bowie (principal), Alison Janidlo (chair), Nancy Abi-Khattar (teacher rep), Charlene White (parish), Maria Goldmaker (Treasurer), Wendy Morielaz, Wendy Burpee, Leila Vakili, Mihaela Racz (CSPA rep), Talia Lofaro (student council co-president)

Minutes for October proposer Charlene, seconder Maria, approved

Student Council Report

Recap of Halloween Spirit Week:

- **Monday** was Flannel Day, **Tuesday** was Homeroom movie costumes, **Wednesday** was Decades Day, **Thursday** was Halloween Colours and **Friday** was Costume day.
- Spook-o-grams sales were a great success, we sold around 200 which we were really happy with, and it may even be a record.
- Halloween Quiziz winner was Mrs Chiarelli's grade 12 class
- Door Decorating Contest Winners were: first place Mr. Boucher (Gr 11), second place Mr. Bourguignon (Gr 10), third place Ms. Blanchard (Gr. 10)
- The Winner of Costume Contest Jonny Guercio (Gr 9) who dressed up as Popeye
- Pumpkin Carving Virtual Contest - winner was Talia LoFarro (Gr 12)
- Overall the participation was good and it was another successful spirit week

Ultimate Homeroom Championship:

- A new event starting at Pius - a 6 week competition starting the week of November 29th, pauses for Christmas so the final week is week of January 24th
- There will be a challenge each week and the top 5 classes per grade will be awarded points. For the final week the top homeroom per grade will compete against each other for the title of ultimate homeroom champion and win a catered breakfast. Each challenge will be announced the Friday before so classes have

the weekend to prepare. Weekly results to be announced each Monday to encourage the competitive spirit

Christmas Spirit Week:

- We are planning to have a Christmas spirit week, it is currently at the brainstorming stage

Equity Committee Mentorship Project: Pius Pioneers

- The grade 9 and 10 students who signed up were paired with grade 11 and 12 mentors. All of the groupings were made (14 groups of 1 junior and 2 senior students). The first meeting is November 17 and is only with the mentors and will be led mostly by Mr. B, Mme. Humphries and Germaine our student equity rep who is spearheading this initiative, this meeting will discuss the expectations, time commitment needed from our volunteers, how volunteer hours will be awarded, tasks, how our meetings will work etc.
- Then next Wednesday Nov 24 is the first meeting with both mentors and mentees and there will be icebreaker activities. Each of the following meetings will have a topic to be discussed. A member from our equity committee will present the topic and then the groups will be sent off in breakout rooms where they will discuss the given topic and anything else with their buddy. The meetings are supposed to be short. Contact information will be exchanged so the pairings can contact each other at other times, not just the Wednesday google meets. For now there will be a meeting every Wednesday.

Principal's Report:

School Operations and Happenings

LAUNCH - Virtual Career Fair (Oct. 21-22)

Career Week (Nov. 1-5)

Grade 9 Take Our Kids to Work Day (Nov. 3)

Canadian Down Syndrome Week alongside Halloween Spirit Week

Reviewing our emergency and lockdown procedures with classes.

Student Success

Parent-teacher conferences

Sports and Activities continue - we had several athletes achieve great results (including at city championships for Golf and XC running) and several teams are participating in play-offs (Volleyball, Soccer)

PD day sessions for staff have included Equity and Anti-Racism training, Child Sexual Assault prevention certification, Deep Learning, etc.

Planning has started for Graduation and Prom (tentative bookings are being made)

Coming Events

November 15 - First day of Quadmester 2

November 15 - St. Josephine Virtual High School staff started to work at our Pius Hub

November 16-29 - OSSLT for grade 10 and 11 students

November 18 - OCSB Black Student Forum (students attending as participants and leaders)

Nov 22-26 - Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week

December 3 - PD Day

December 16 - Quad 2 Midterm mark distribution

December 16 - Paul Davis social media presentation for grades 9-10

December 20-Jan 2 - Christmas Holidays

Teacher's Report:

- Hoping for regular schedule for Semester 2
- Activities, sports and fundraising are all in full swing.

Chair's Report:

- A grateful thank you to the teachers and administration for their support and dedication that made quadmester 1 a success under adverse conditions.

Parish Report:

- Singing now permitted at Mass
- Visit the website for more details and for registration

Treasurer's Report:

- Current Balance **\$5549.22** (includes funds for awards for graduating class)
- New singing authorities for 2021-22 have been done at the bank
- Maria to organize a cheque for \$20 to CSPA

CSPA Report:

- Many valuable events being supported by CSPA
- Keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming events
- Nov 24 meeting on family relationships

<http://www.ottawacspa.ca/cspa/news-and-events/upcoming-events>

Next Meeting:

The December 2021 meeting has been cancelled as it is a busy time and still not a great situation to gather in person for our traditional social event. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

January 18, 2022 at 7:00pm